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SUBJECT: CASTRO BEGINS VISIT TO ALGIERS

REF: ALGIERS 0601 (NOTAL)

1. ON MARCH 12, FIDEL CASTRO BEGAN "FRIENDLY AND WORKING VISIT" TO ALGIERS AT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S INVITATION. IN FULL AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONY, BOUMEDIENE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCILS OF REVOLUTION AND MINISTERS GREETED CUBAN LEADER.

2. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS ON ARRIVAL, CASTRO PRAISED BOUMEDIENE AS GREAT WORLD LEADER. ON SAHARA, HE NOTED CUBA'S ROLE ON COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION WHICH VISITED TERRITORY IN 1975 AND SAID "ABSOLUTE MAJORITY" OF WORLD STATES SUPPORTED SAHRAOUI SELF-DETERMINATION, A RIGHT
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WHICH, HE SAID, SAHRAOUIS MUST HAVE.

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3. COMMENT: GOA APPARENTLY MAKING VISIT OCCASION
FOR PROPAGANDA FIELD DAY. INITIAL COMMENTARY ALREADY
STRESSING IMPERIALISM'S MACHINATIONS IN AFRICA FOLLOWING
SOUTHEAST ASIA DEFEAT, AND NEED TO TEACH IMPERIALISTS
NEW LESSON.

4. ALGERIANS DOUBTLESS HOPE CASTRO WILL EXPRESS HIGH
DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR SAHARA POLICY AND FOR SAHRAOUI
REPUBLIC. HIS REMARKS SO FAR SEEM TO STOP SHORT OF THIS.

5. WITH GIAP AND KIM IL SUNG ALREADY HAVING TOUCHED
BASE HERE IN PAST YEAR, CASTRO VISIT COMPLETES HAVANA-
ALGIERS-HANOI-PYONGYANG LINK. PARKER

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